PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Stephan BOHM Royce W. JOHNSON

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING AT LEAST ONE
VENTILATION PARAMETER OF AN
ARTIFICIAL VENTILATOR FOR
VENTILATING THE LUNG OF A
PATIENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A
PLURALITY OF LUNG POSITIONS

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Commissioner:

Applicants submit this status inquiry and hereby request an update regarding the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-captioned application.

This application is a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US05/10741 that entered the National Stage in the United States on September 26, 2006.

The status of this application is listed in PAIR as "Docketed New Case – Ready for Examination" with a status date of 08-30-2008, and the transaction history of this application on PAIR indicates that it was "Docketed to Examiner in GAU" on 08-30-2008. A Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 was mailed on April 11, 2007.

The application record in PAIR does not include a First Action Prediction. Applicants therefore request an indication of when a first Office Action will be issued.

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